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Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge
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I, Anthony Langford of [REDACTED], am writing to make a formal objection to the “Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge”, as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 12 November 2024.

Whilst I support improvements to public transport, this one is unnecessary, ill planned and offers very low value for money with a BCR less than 0.5.

The forthcoming East-West rail link will provide a far more efficient link from Cambourne to Cambridge with a new station being built at Cambourne and this will make any busway along this sort of route even worse value for money. The road system between these two points already allows good transport and could be further improved with bus priority measures. The Greater Cambridge Partnership has not explored these measures nor deeply considered an alternative route for a busway which follows more closely the existing road network and avoids the environmentally sensitive areas that their proposal will destroy.

In terms of cost, I could also add that an alternative on road alternative route for this busway would be very much more cost effective.

All in all, this scheme is bad from beginning to end and the Greater Cambridge Partnership have been extremely cavalier in their treatment of objections and suggestions for alternative routes, I therefore ask you to refuse to agree to this Transport and Work Act Order.

Anthony Langford

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